(d) No, new rates for conversion have been announced by DDA but the date for submitting the application at the old rates has been extended upto 31.3.1994.

(e) Does not arise in view of reply to (d) above.

Allotment of children's park to Sadhu Vaswani Mission

4568. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question 2124 dated the 14th May, 1993 and state:

(a) the terms and conditions on which the area marked as 'Children's Park/Playground in the Shantiniketan Colony was allotted to the Sadhu Vaswani Mission;

(b) the total area of this Park; and

(c) which authority fixed the nominal rental of Re. 1 per annum for this entire park and whether it is customary to allow such land to other private institutions in the capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) Ground rent of Re. 1 per annum for playgrounds given on licence basis to schools is fixed by the Central Government. Play-fields are allotted only to various categories of educational institutions such as senior secondary, middle and primary schools and not to any other private institution.

Amount spent under IDSMT scheme in Assam

4569. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the present population of important towns of Assam State, town-wise;

(b) the details of the amount spent town-wise in the said State by the Central Government during the Sixth and Seventh Five Year Plans period, plan-wise;

(c) the details of the amount being spent by the Central Government in the current Eighth Plan period in the said State, town-wise with details of their development;

(d) whether the State Government of Assam has failed to utilise the amounts released during the Sixth and Seventh Plans period under the scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) by the Central Government in an efficient manner if so, the reasons therefor and if not, the specific developments which took place in Dibrugarh and Tinsukia towns against the amounts released in the said two plans;

(e) whether Dibrugarh town has qualified to be upgraded as a Municipal Corporation as per the latest census, if so, the reasons for not upgrading the said town to have Municipal Corporation; and

(f) whether Government spend any extra amounts on towns having Municipal Corporations in comparison to those having no municipalities, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) As per 1991 census, there are 28 towns in the State of Assam with population above 20,000 each. Details are given in Statement-I.

(b) Under IDSMT Scheme, 5 towns each were covered during the 6th and 7th Plan periods and Central assistance amounting to Rs. 200.00 lakhs and Rs. 146.50 lakhs respectively released. Town-wise details are given in Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) Government of Assam has been asked to submit the State Urban Development Strategy Paper alongwith priority